

Finance Committee
September 7, 2021
6:00pm - City Hall Council Chambers

Alderman Lavieri called the Meeting to order at 6:00pm

ROLL CALL

Present: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Demes, Lavieri, Jeppson

Excused Absence: Alderman Herndon

Others Present: Deputy Clerk Brent Bader, Finance Director John Duncan, Fire Chief Jerry Janick, Economic Development Director Leah Inman, Alderman Bacidore, Alderman Reynolds

A quorum was present.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve and place on file the minutes of the Finance Committee for August 23, 2021.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

No Review of Bills.

Chairman Ptak and Alderman Jeppson both noticed that each application with two different estimates were done in the same handwriting. The council is requesting Mr. Curtin to come back with some more formal bids.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to deny the request from Gary Curtin for a Redevelopment Incentive Program grant totaling \$900 for premises located at 137-143 Gooding Street.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Demes, Lavieri, Jeppson

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to approve the request from Garrett Mecagni for a Redevelopment Incentive Program grant totaling \$2,025 for premises located at 854 First St.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Janick wanted to make a correction to the original bid for the generator that was needed for the fire department. There would actually be \$4,000 savings. The original price in appropriations, however, was quite a bit lower because the numbers were from last year. The generator was bid at \$59,905 from JB Contracting.

Alderman Crane asked to look into possibly getting a discount for a purchase of two generators since the Water Treatment plant will also be looking into purchasing one.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve and accept the bid from JB contracting for the purchase of a replacement for an emergency generator at the City's Fire Station.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Demes, Lavieri, Jeppson

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve and authorize the purchase of a heavy-duty sectional snow pusher and quick mount for the City's John Deere 524P Wheel Loader.

Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL

AYE: Chairman Ptak, Aldermen Demes, Lavieri, Jeppson

NAY: None

Absent: Alderman Herndon

MOTION CARRIED: 4-0

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Jeppson to approve the holding of a City vehicle and small equipment sealed bid sale.

Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Duncan spoke in regards to the Financial Audit Report. The report is a recap of the prior fiscal year. The City's Auditor was Monica and has done this for multiple years for the city, but the city's audit was her only municipal account. This was the first year for the Audit to be done by Hopkins and Assoc., out of the Hennepin/Granville area. Their firm does approx. 50-60 municipal clients in central Illinois.

Mr. Duncan asked the council to turn to page 52 to where the general fund is located.

This is the fund that has been in the red for some time. The city has paid a lot of attention in the past to this general fund. The Police, Fire, Street, along with other City Departments all live in this general fund. Total sales tax is about the same as the prior fiscal year. Attorney McPhedran wanted to point out that this Audit did reflect April 2020-April 2021, which would be the worst part of the COVID.

The audit overall is pretty healthy. Grant revenue is pretty significant from the Carus Fund. Expenses on page 58 were accurate. The deficit has been reduced down to 1.4 million. There was an impact to the general fund in a positive direction. This should help our bond rating.

Digital copies will be available to the public.

This does have to get uploaded to the state also.

There were no more questions or comments from the public.

Chairman Ptak adjourned the meeting at 6:24 p.m.

Amy Quinn

Amy Quinn, City Clerk